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Applicant : Leonard A. Smith et al.
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For : RECOMBINANT VACCINE AGAINST BOTULINUM NEUROTOXIN

AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action dated June 3, 2003 that was issued in the above-identified application. Applicants respectfully request continued examination of the instant application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 132(a) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(a)(2) and enclose herewith the fee required pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). Applicants also request a

three-month extension of time and enclose the fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3).

Applicants further enclose herewith a Third Substitute Sequence Listing in paper and computer readable form in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821 to 1.825 and a Terminal Disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(b). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the amendments and remarks presented in the instant Amendment.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.